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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL/MOZAMBIQUE AIR ACCORD

REF: MAPUTO 0628

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TAP AND DETA IN MAPUTO. COMMUNIQUE SAID THE TWO AIRLINES HAD AGREED TO ESTABLISH A NEW COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP. TAP IS TO PROVIDE DETA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, NOTABLY IN TRAINING FLIGHT CREWS.

2. COMMUNIQUE ACCORDED TRAFFIC RIGHTS PROMINENT BUT VAGUE TREATMENT. IT SAID THAT POSSIBILITY OF TAP LANDING RIGHTS IN BEIRA AND MAPUTO HAD BEEN "CLARIFIED" WITHOUT SPECIFYING THE CLARIFICATION. IT STATED ALSO THAT THE TWO AIRLINES HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF PASSENGERS AND INTIMATED THAT BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT PROTOCOL (PRESUMABLY BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS) IS BEING PREPARED.

3. COMMENT: COMMUNIQUE WAS VERY VAGUE, PROVIDING LITTLE
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MORE THAN GENERALIZED EXPRESSIONS OF COOPERATION AND

FRIENDSHIP. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ASSURED US,
HOWEVER, THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR TAP ACCESS TO MAPUTO.
THEY COULD NOT SAY WHEN FLIGHTS WOULD RESUME OR HOW MANY
THERE WOULD BE. THEY DID, HOWEVER, ESTIMATE THAT SOME
28,000 - 30,000 REFUGEES WERE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO
PORTUGAL FROM MOZAMBIQUE DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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